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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING IN PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

SACRED ORGAN MUSIC "Air a la Bourree" Handel

SUMMONS TO WORSHIP Dr. Bailey

THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN NUMBER 149 "God of Our Fathers" Warren
Rev. George Shore, Mr. Ken Fortune and Mr. Phil Rector, Trumpeters

WELCOME TO THE WORSHIPERS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS Dr. Bailey

REAFFIRMING OUR CALL TO BE CHRIST'S CHURCH

THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 3:1-12 Rev. Shore

THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 5:1-11 Dr. Howell

*ANNIVERSARY COVENANT FOR THE CHURCH

- Leader: We have responded to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
and have followed Him in baptism,
People: And we have entered into covenant with one another,
as one body in Christ.
- Leader: We renew our commitment to live out our lives in Christian love,
People: And we renew our covenant to support the advancement of
Christ's Church in this place.
- Leader: We covenant to strengthen the spiritual undergirding of
our church in worship and learning;
People: We covenant to maintain a high quality of personal and
family Bible study and prayer;
- Leader: We covenant to contribute regularly to support the
spread of the Good News that Christ is concerned
about the total man, both in our neighborhood and
throughout the world;
People: We covenant to share our knowledge of Christ in word and deed;
- Leader: We covenant to conduct ourselves always in a manner
exemplified in the life and ministry of our Lord;
People: We covenant to love, care for, and minister to each other,
calling forth the best gifts of one another;
- Unison: All this we do in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ,
who is our Lord and the Head of His Church.

ANTHEM "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" Kirk
Chancel Choir

*Ye shall receive pow'r when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and ye shall be My witnesses, and ye shall be My witnesses unto the ends,
unto the ends of the earth.*

Ye shall receive pow'r! And be My witnesses, and be My witnesses.
Ye shall be witnesses unto the ends of the earth, the ends of the earth.
Jerusalem! Judea! Samaria, and the ends of the earth!
Ye shall receive pow'r! And be My witnesses, and be My witnesses.
Ye shall be witnesses unto the ends of the earth!
The ends of the earth! Amen!

THE MORNING PRAYER Dr. Bailey

PRESENTED BY WATER ROYAL DAVIS BOOK FUND

RETURNING THE GIFTS OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN NUMBER 240 *"Amazing Grace"* arr. by Excell
Rev. George Shore, Mr. Ken Fortune and Mr. Phil Rector, Trumpeters

THE MORNING OFFERING

*Offertory Prayer Rev. Shore
Handbell Offertory *"Prayer and Finale"* Butler
Handbell III

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM *"Almighty God of Our Fathers"* James
Chancel Choir

*Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal, Holy, holy, Lord God of Israel.
Blessed art Thou, the God of our fathers.
Unto Thy throne do we lift up our songs, Lord our creator,
Great is Thy name, the King of Kings.
Hear our pray'r, our pray'r unto Thee.
Our Father who art in Heav'n, Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heav'n;
Give us our daily bread, and deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory, for ever, Amen, Amen.
Almighty God, God of our fathers immortal,
Mighty art Thou, the Lord of Lords!*

THE MESSAGE *"From Dreams To Reality"* Dr. Bailey

EXPRESSING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

*HYMN NUMBER 365 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"* Mann

THE PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL BENEDICTION AND CHORAL BLESSING *"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* Lutkin

*ORGAN DISMISSAL *"March"* Gounod

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The Worship Leader today is The Reverend Mr. George Shore,
a member of our church who serves as Director of Missions for our
Cabarrus Association.

The Old Fashioned Homecoming Dinner will be shared immediately following
the worship at the Boy's Club, 247 Spring Street, N.W.
Parking will be available at Forest Hills Methodist Church on
Buffalo and the Catholic Church on Union Street.

A brief program featuring music, memorable pictures, and humorous anecdotes
from our past will be held from 1:30-2:00.

There will be no Church Training or Evening Worship today.
Youth will meet at the church at 6:30 for Halloween Caroling.

HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA

FOREWORD

Time and space have made it necessary to limit our "History" presentation.

More, much more, needs to be said. More, many more, should be included.

Guidelines have been followed and an attempt made to use names of those from our past or those who are serving in a church elected position or those who are no longer members of our local church. Some who have moved away are mentioned. Many of our deceased members are remembered. Former and present staff members are included.

The faithful workers of our present fellowship will find their deeds chronicled by a future historian.

This presentation, for now, must be incomplete but finished.

The information in this account is drawn from papers and articles supplied by Letha Snyder, Violet (Mrs. Raiford) Miller, "Dip" (Mrs. John) Puckett and from pictures and interviews with Lela Bruton, "Hattie" (Mrs. Maury) Sapp, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wall and Bervel (Mrs. Luther E.) Barnhardt. In addition to the aforementioned, valuable information was contributed by W. L. Mills, Jr., Mrs. M. S. Lyles, Mrs. R. Matt Patterson, Noel Morris and J. Wesley Walker. Their help has been invaluable and is gratefully acknowledged. Other sources were:

Minutes of Church in Conference from the Thirties and Forties found in the Church vault.

Minutes of Annual Sessions of Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association.

A Short History of Cabarrus County and Concord, Yesterday and Today,
published 1932

Concord Tribune articles dated August 4, 1974; January 16, 1975 and October 8, 1975

The Daily Herald-Observer dated December 7, 1937

First Baptist Church bulletins for several decades.

Official Records of Sale for acquisition of church properties.

HISTORY

A compilation of historical data covering the past 90 years as pertaining to the people and events of the First Baptist Church, Concord, North Carolina, requires that the said people and events be placed within the context of their peculiar time and location. Setting down the highlights of any people's history is an attempt to better understand its beginning, its transition from what it was to what it is and so more adequately chart what it can become. Without a firm knowledge of "What was", the "What is" is lessened in value and the "What will be" could degenerate, with drifting currents of cultural change. A basic requirement of understanding is to search out the principles which led to the formation of any body or organization of people in order to continue to live in keeping with those principles.

To the wild and fertile region later to become Cabarrus County came a Germanic and Scot-Irish people. Devout and toughened by hardship and bound in the bonds of common danger, they brought their land grants with them and settled into Indian country to found their farming communities and rear their families as God-fearing and obedient offspring. They endured the vicissitudes of nature. They tended their sick and buried their dead.

A legislative Act in 1792 brought about the severing of this territory from Mecklenburg County. In 1793 it was organized into a functioning unit of government which was named "Cabarrus County" in honor of Stephen Cabarrus, Speaker of the House of Commons, who cast the deciding vote in favor of its creation.

Excerpted from A Short History of Cabarrus County and Concord—Yesterday and Today, published 1932:

"Tradition tells us that in locating our town the people had a disagreement. Some wanted the town located near what is now Cook's Crossing; others wanted it located in the southern part of the county. Finally they came to an agreement that they would have it on midway ground and call it Concord, which means harmony. The first two streets were Union and Corban, (later changed to Corbin).* A deed dated February 17, 1796 was filed and twenty-six acres were bought for the city for the sum of \$62.30."

Our nation as a constituted government was 20 years old at the time.

Ninety years passed after the town limits were established before the Concord Baptist Church became a reality. Ninety additional years later, in 1976, A. D., we celebrate the birthday of a church simultaneously with our nation's bicentennial. First Baptist Church will be 90 years old on October 26, 1976. (There is some confusion about this date. Several articles published in past years state the organization of Concord Baptist Church as October 26, 1886; others, as October 29, 1886. October of 1886 had Sundays to fall on the 24th and the 31st. Therefore, we cannot be certain about the exact day of the month of its organization.)

The Rev. Jacob Monroe McCurdy, grandfather of Raymond Snyder and his sister, Letha, presently members of our church fellowship, gave the first dollar toward the building of a house of worship in Concord for the people of the

*In recent years the name of Corbin Street has reverted to the original spelling of Corban Street.

Baptist leaning and persuasion. It was he who contacted the State Mission Board in Raleigh and asked that someone come to look over the field and oversee the need for a "city" church for Concord.

Rev. Mr. George P. Bostick came to Concord at the direction of the state board and stayed to become the first preacher of the new church, formally organized by a regularly constituted presbytery. The Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, D.D. served as moderator and Rev. Mr. A. G. McManaway preached the sermon.

The old courthouse which still stands on Union Street and Means Avenue was built in 1875. This then fairly new courthouse was to house the then new Baptist Church. The Rev. Bostick preached there to the 27 persons comprising the membership. These were, in addition to Mr. Bostick, seven men and nineteen women: Henry T. Johnson, J. W. Clayton, J. R. Hinson, M. W. Freeman, H. F. Freeman, R. P. Lentz, F. P. Smith, Mrs. R. A. Stowe, Mrs. D. B. Ferguson, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Bettie Sossamon, Mrs. R. P. Lentz, Mrs. M. J. Freeman, Mrs. M. P. Freeman, Mrs. W. A. Hinson, Miss Fronie Hinson, Mrs. Edy Dennis, Mrs. Mollie Smith, Mrs. Jane C. Johnson, Mrs. Elizabeth Sapp, Mrs. Sarah Sapp, Miss Alice Sapp, Miss Adeline Casper, and Mrs. K. L. Craven. Twin sisters Harriett (Hattie) Ferguson and Annie Ferguson rounded out the list of charter members. Miss Annie Ferguson was the first nurse to volunteer from North Carolina to serve during the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Within a few weeks a Sunday School was organized in the parlor of Major A. J. Dodamead, at his home on the corner of West Depot (now Cabarrus Avenue) and Spring Street. Ten members were enrolled and Major Dodamead was made superintendent. In a short while the Sunday School outgrew the limits of Major Dodamead's parlor and it too moved into the courthouse.

The Rev. Mr. Bostick served for approximately two years before he felt called to the foreign mission field. He then went as a Southern Baptist missionary to the field in China. It was during his 2-year ministry that the property on which our present church stands was purchased.

Rev. Mr. J. D. Newton succeeded to the pastorate and under the direction of this second pastor a church building was erected with a seating accommodation for 250 people.

Saunders Sapp, grandfather of the late Maury V. Sapp and great grandfather of present member of our fellowship, Peggé Sapp Haywood, donated the timber for the first church building and hauled it to the site at the corner of Grove and Spring Streets in his wagon.

The first worship service to be held by the now 55 members of Concord Baptist Church within the confines of their own church building was in January of 1889. It was not furnished; it was cold in winter and hot in summer. For a number of years a heavy indebtedness would call forth sacrifice from this determined people.

Reportedly only one member of the original group owned his own home.

Three years later, Rev. Mr. J. O. Alderman came to serve the people. It was during his ministry that the church membership doubled itself.

In 1896 the now thriving church called Rev. Mr. J. J. Payseur to minister

to the Baptists. Under his leadership the seating capacity was enlarged to more than double and a parsonage was built on the Grove Street side of the church property in back of the church building.

When Rev. Mr. Lacy B. Hoge came to the church in 1898 he led a neighboring band of Baptists in the organization of what is now McGill Avenue Baptist Church. It was called simply Second Baptist Church at the time of its organization. Presumably this is when Concord Baptist Church became the First Baptist Church.

On October 28, 1900, 14 years after its organization and in recognition of the fact that for the first time the church building debt was paid in full, the church held a Dedication Service. Dr. C. A. Thomas preached the sermon.

The Rev. J. E. Smith served as pastor from 1901-1904. During his pastorate the inside of the church was papered and painted and work prospered generally.

The Rev. R. H. Herring then labored for 3 years making both financial and physical plant improvements. The parsonage (the dwelling immediately back of the church on the south side of Grove Street) was remodeled, the mortgage was paid and the entire, now enlarged, church property became debt free for the first time in 16 years.

While the Rev. S. N. Watson was pastor, 1907-1912, property owned by "Mr. Deaton" was purchased alongside the church building on the Spring Street side. The Grove Street parsonage was then sold and a new parsonage was built on the newly acquired property.

It is noted in a 1909 Statistical Table of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association that Cold Water Church and First Church, Concord, have S. N. Watson, Concord, listed as the minister. A Financial Statement from the same Associational records indicated no salary paid a minister from Cold Water. No further records of clarification were found.

The Rev. R. E. Brown served as pastor for one year only, 1913-1914. He was the first pastor to occupy the parsonage on Spring Street.

During the years when the whole world exploded into the war to end all wars, 1914-1918, the Rev. George V. Tilley served as pastor. He was a man of special ability in the pulpit. Mr. Tilley is remembered as an exceptionally fastidious man who was offended by "commonality" - such as putting coal on the grate with bare hands rather than using coal tongs. Letha Snyder can vouch for that from personal experience.

It was under the pastorate of the Rev. Graham A. Martin, D.D., 1919-1924 that the present sanctuary was built. It was occupied in 1924. From March, 1922 until the new sanctuary was finished the church body convened in the then new Coltrane School, just across Grove Street.

Mr. George R. Wall recounts an amusing story about Dr. Martin. He remembers Dr. Martin as a man of quiet humor, great dignity and a devoted family man. It seems that some kind of new car was being raffled off and apparently the school building was headquarters also for this exciting city-wide event. Roses were garlanded for decorations on the school property. Dr. Martin, before beginning his sermon was humorously mimicking how the people rushed

to register for the fabulous prize. Dr. Martin was somewhat lame in one leg and during this demonstration, he slipped and fell. In throwing out his hands to break his fall, he got two handfuls of thorns, as well as the fall for his reward. Dr. Martin's wry remark to the congregation is remembered as, "I took that too far!"

From 1925-1930 Rev. C. H. Trueblood had the difficult period of the great depression as his pastoring years. The fact that the church survived those lean years speaks much for pastor and people.

The next 22 years, from 1930-1952 were growing and good years for First Church, Concord. The Rev. E. S. Summers came to this community from Kentucky. He and his wife, whom he affectionately called "Top" were well-loved and active in both church and community. Many of our presently active members hold first-hand memories of this beloved and loving pastor, now deceased.

Georgetown University honored the Reverend Summers while he was serving the First Baptist Church by conferring upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Perhaps one of his most endearing characteristics was his ability to know each one and to relate to each one in a personal and special way.

During these years under the leadership of Dr. Summers, First Baptist Church was instrumental in the organization of Young Street Baptist Church (1930), Pitts Baptist Church (1943), and Immanuel Baptist Church (1951). Jackson Training School boys received regular ministry from the church and a great number of them were baptized in First Baptist Church by Dr. Summers.

Also, during Dr. Summers' tenure, an Austin pipe organ was purchased and installed in the sanctuary. The old First Presbyterian manse on the west side of Spring Street was purchased, and Dr. Summers and his wife moved into it. The old parsonage back of the church was converted into Sunday School classrooms, and plans were drafted and approved for the construction of a new educational plant.

The Reverend Thurman B. Stone succeeded Dr. Summers and served the First Baptist Church from 1953 through 1960. Soon after his arrival, construction of the new educational plant was begun. It was completed in 1956. A new parsonage was purchased on South Union Street into which Mr. Stone moved with his wife Evelyn, his daughter Miriam and son "Butch." Daughter Debbie was born while Mr. Stone was serving the First Church.

During the term of service, Mr. Stone was sent abroad to participate in the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress meeting in London, England, in July, 1955, and he thereafter spent two months with his wife, Evelyn, leisurely touring the European continent and visiting the Holy Land.

During Mr. Stone's tenure, the First Baptist Church prospered, and attendance was at a high level.

The Reverend Mr. Howard G. Dawkins was called to the First Baptist Church in Concord in 1961 and served until 1967. Under his leadership the sanctuary was refurbished and a vacant lot was purchased on Claymont Street upon which a new parsonage was constructed, into which Mr. Dawkins moved with his wife Carmen, his sons Howard, Jr., and Frank, and his daughter Elaine.

The Church also purchased a house and lot behind the Church property facing White Lane and another house and lot beside the Church property facing Spring Street. Thereafter, the house on Spring Street along with the old Spring Street parsonage were razed and the lots were paved for parking.

In October, 1964, under the leadership of Mr. Dawkins, the First Baptist Church organized the Providence Baptist Mission in the Harrisburg Community. "Becky" and Sam Perkins, members of First Baptist Church who lived in Harrisburg, were instrumental in bringing the need for the mission to the attention of First Baptist Church. Providence Baptist Mission quickly outgrew the mission status and was constituted an autonomous Baptist Church on the 7th day of October, 1973.

On the 15th day of February, 1968, the First Baptist Church established a trust fund for the construction of a new sanctuary, known as the Long-Range Building Fund Trust.

In August, 1968, the Reverend Jack Hill moved with his wife Kathryn, his son Michael and his daughter Karen from Portsmouth, Virginia to Concord, where he served the First Baptist Church until his untimely retirement in 1974 because of ill health.

This family quickly made a place for itself in Concord and in the Church. Mrs. Hill was active in the nursery department of the Church during the Sunday School hour. Perhaps one of the most remembered characteristics of Mr. Hill's pastorate was his frequently expressed love for the Church. His pastor's column in the church bulletin invariably ended with the phrase, "I love you."

During Mr. Hill's tenure the assets in the Long-Range Building Fund Trust grew from \$21,929.45 on July 16, 1969, to \$245,019.24 on December 31, 1974. These assets included an 18-acre building site on the new Branchview Drive which Mr. Hill was instrumental in locating prior to the time Branchview Drive was constructed. The Trustee of the Long-Range Building Fund paid \$43,000 for this property, which has more than doubled in value since its acquisition.

Dr. Robert W. Bailey accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, Concord, on February 1, 1975. A devoted family man, he moved into the parsonage on Claymont Street with his wife, the former Mary Frances Prillaman, son Kevin, now a second grader, and daughter Courtney, who is now a four year-old preschooler. Dr. Bailey was formerly the senior minister at Temple Baptist Church in Durham. He and his wife Mary Frances have been frequent contributors to church periodicals. An outgrowth of his research and lecturing, his book The Minister and Grief was released in April, 1976.

The future of the First Baptist Church is optimistic and promising under the leadership of this young minister filled with creativity and imagination. He is a writer, singer, preacher, pastor, teacher and leader who brings to the Church a whole man of God.

INPUT AND IMPRESSIONS

The Puritan Ethic, in its larger scope of practicing righteousness as a ramification of Faith was distinctively evident in the moral discipline demanded

of its fellowship by the early First Baptist Church members. Excerpted from the Minutes of the Church in Conference, dated April 15, 1931, we read: "The hand of Church Fellowship was withdrawn from ----- for immoral conduct."

When the old First Presbyterian Church congregation moved from the corner of Spring and W. Depot (Cabarrus Avenue), the historic Johnson organ, which presently stands in the north end of Memorial Hall, was loaned to and relocated in the First Baptist Church. This organ, with its old bellows pump, took some real playing to bring forth a pleasant, reedy sound. Katie Lee Raiford, aunt of Raiford Miller was the organist at this time. Mr. Will Kirk, custodian, pumped it for her. Built in 1880 and one of the few remaining 19th century American organs, its hand painted pipes and hand carved cabinet made it a rare and appreciated "loan" from the Presbyterians. It remained in the First Baptist Church sanctuary until the 1920's. When the new church building was completed in 1924 this organ traveled on to St. Andrews Lutheran Church. In 1941 it was presented to Memorial Hall.

Excerpt from December 7, 1937 write-up by E. B. Joyner, (educator, newspaper contributor and member of First Baptist Church) as it appeared in the Daily Herald-Observer, "The Breakfast Table Newspaper of Cabarrus," in that newspaper's Concord Centennial Edition: "The almost unbelievable progress of the First Baptist Church from those early days of struggle to the present time is a very inspiring story. Only one member in the original group owned his own home. Hardship and poverty were surmounted by Faith and Sacrifice, and God's leadership caused a mighty work to be accomplished. The present commodious, perfectly appointed church building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. G. A. Martin, D. D.

"This beautiful building will seat comfortably, 1,000 people. It will accommodate a Sunday School of 1,500.* It is completely departmentalized with 31 classrooms. The church auditorium has a soundproofed ceiling which adds much to the accoustical properties. A very fine Austin 2-manual pipe organ adds much to the worship services."

"The First Baptist Church is entirely free from debt. The present membership is 853, the largest of any church in the city."

Preachers of great ability have filled the pulpit at times. Notable among them have been Dr. Luther Little, early renowned radio minister; Dr. F. Crossley Morgan, internationally known Presbyterian Bible scholar and teacher; the late Dr. Broadus E. Jones, Sr., father of Dr. Broadus E. Jones, Jr., of First Baptist fellowship; Dr. William Strickland, Professor of Old Testament and Greek at Southeastern Seminary; Dr. Marc Lovelace, Professor of Archaeology and Old Testament History, Southeastern Seminary; Dr. John W. Carlton, Professor of Preaching at Southeastern Seminary and Dr. James L. Blevins, now Professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary in Louisville; Dr. Tom Haggai, internationally known speaker.

During the period between Mr. Hill's leaving and Dr. Bailey's arrival in Concord, Mr. W. Bryant Carr and Mr. Fred Morris served as interim pastors.

*Typographical error or enthusiastic exaggeration. 1,500 would result in an average of 48.387 persons per classroom.

MEMBERSHIP MEMORIES

"A Million More in '54"

770 at Sunday School. One Sunday in the Fall of the first year in the new Educational Building, 1956, was designated "High Attendance Day." It was. George R. Clary was General Superintendent of the Sunday School.

November 8, 1959. An Association-sponsored emphasis on tithing climaxed with a Church Loyalty Dinner at Concord Recreation Center. Each church arranged with a sister church for the care of all children eight years old and under so that nobody need miss the Loyalty Dinner. First Baptist teamed with two other churches in this caring and sharing. Arthur Smith, of country music fame, was the inspirational speaker for the several hundred who attended this event.

"600 Day" in Sunday School on November 11, 1962. Made it.

Mrs. Frank Petrea's long years of teaching the T.E.L. Class.

Will Kirk firing up the old pot-bellied stove in the old church and the coal-fired furnace in the present church - right on up into the 30's.

Will Propst never missing Prayer Meeting; preparing church envelopes for himself and Mrs. Propst a month in advance.

Mr. C. H. Klueppelberg singing a Mother's Day song for that occasion annually.

Mr. W. D. Cagle and his faithfulness as Chairman, for years, of the House Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Moore, John Puckett, Glenn Roseman, L. I. Beasley, S. W. Preslar, Sara Biggers, Callie Shepherd, H. T. Helms, all now deceased but remembered still for their contributions to the beauty, well-being and well-doing of First Baptist Church. Scores of others cherished in personal memories can be added to this number who were singled out for mention by those who talked and volunteered information for the writer of this article.

Mrs. W. T. Mills frequently preached in area churches. She was instrumental in the organization and establishment of the Second Baptist Church, the name of which was later changed to McGill Street Baptist Church and is now known as McGill Avenue Baptist Church. Everyone who knew her called her "Mother Mills." She conducted revival services on many occasions in this community and also in Columbus, Georgia, where her daughter, Mrs. Frank K. Petrea, lived for more than a quarter of a century. She was also guest Sunday School teacher on a radio program in Columbus, Georgia, which was regularly conducted by her son-in-law, Frank K. Petrea. It has been said that "Mother Mills" led more individuals to accept Jesus Christ in her community than perhaps any other individual during her time. She was the grandmother of William L. Mills, Jr., Eyra Dell Petrea, Gladys Meriwether Hinson, Ellen Petrea McCoy, Faye Mills Glover, Becky Mills Huffman, J. Harry Arrowood and Robert M. Mills, all members of the church family.

When the 2-manual Austin organ, described by all musicians who are acquainted with it as having a sweet, sweet tone, was first installed in a bare-

floored sanctuary, it was put to the side on the right. This proved unsatisfactory and eventually it was centered behind the pulpit. It was at this time, the early 30's, that the baptistery was floored over. Previously it had remained open at all times.

New chimes were added just this year, 1976, as a memorial to Sara Biggers. Mrs. Biggers was an assistant organist for many years.

In earlier choirs the late Martha Blake, known affectionately by many as "Aunt Martha", was a member of the chorus and sang in both trio and quartet groups. She is remembered as having had a beautiful contralto voice. A scant four feet, eleven inches in height, she was allowed to stand on a box behind the choir rail in order to see - and be seen.

Another choir member remembered fondly by those who knew him is Mr. Philip Ballard Raiford, grandfather of Raiford Miller. Reportedly, he was one of only a few who could read music in any one of the earlier choirs of First Baptist Church. He read the "shaped notes." Shaped notes were preferred by those who had little, if any, formal training in music. Members were taught "parts" by rote from "shaped note" music. Each musical note had a different shape and was memorized in that way. Some of the choir music even up into the 30's included a few copies written in shaped notes.

Mrs. L. R. Crooks was organist in the old church at one time. Later she sang in the choir when Marie Barnhardt Shinn was organist. Mrs. Crooks taught the T. E. L. Sunday School Class and held an associational office.

The drawing of the church which appeared on the front of the morning worship bulletin from the early 60's until 1975 was drawn by "Becky" (Mrs. Sam) Perkins. The picture of the church presently used on the bulletin was painted and given to First Baptist Church by member Mel Kester.

It was stipulated in the By-Laws of the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association that to address a fellow member the designation of "Brother" must be used.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Bervel (Mrs. Luther E.) Barnhardt, organist and choir director holding a weekly "music reading" class for choir members.

J. C. Mainer, Music Minister

Ralph Yoars, Music Minister, now a missionary in Hong Kong

Fred Scifers, Music Minister

Earl Reeves, Music Minister

Mary Lou Tatum, Church Secretary

Mae Callahan, Church Secretary

Ethel Huneycutt, Minister of Education

Helen Parker (Patterson), Minister of Education

Willodean Langston (Poole), Minister of Education

Kenneth (and Margaret) Motsinger for whom the K. E. Motsinger Sunday School class is named.

Jim and Pat Fogleman

Grace and J. B. Powell

Frankie Moss (Wall) as Director of Religious Education - and the church-wide party for her when she left for Raleigh - also as Kindergarten Director after her return from Raleigh to become Mrs. Wall.

Mary Sutton as Church Secretary

Rachel Wall as Church Secretary

Frank Braswell, teacher of the Men's Bible Class

Delette Sibley and Mamie Denny taking the youth choirs to Fruitland Assembly for music festivals - and always receiving high ratings.

The pageantry and ceremony of G. A. Coronations

Sara (Mrs. Boyd) Biggers slipping into the sanctuary early on Sunday mornings with armloads of beautiful flowers from the gardens and yards of friends, making large arrangements with great quantities of flowers, always fixing them on Sunday morning because she wanted them to be fresh and fragrant.

Women of the church cooking for Associational Meetings, Study Course Groups, Teachers and Officers Meetings; using the old kitchen upstairs next to the sanctuary balcony.

Iva and Gordon Bane, Judy Ritchie, missionary journeymen

Ruth Laxton playing the passages from the "Seven Last Words of Christ" and making the floor reverberate during the earthquake measures.

The thrill of hearing C. H. Duncan sing; and the beautiful tenor voice of Dr. J. O. Williams.

Agnes Yelton Vaglio singing in the choir as both youngster and adult.

Attending WMS Conventions and wearing hats and having fun and acting silly along with the real reasons for going.

Other members often mentioned were:

Mrs. Delphi Arrowood, Homer Bollinger, Burns McCoy, Mrs. Maggie Mills Meriwether, Johnny Crowder, M. I. and Lorene Eury, Novella and Earl Biggers, Inez and Earl Ryals, G. Fred Agee, and Annie Snyder; Zora Eubanks, Vann Harris, G. A. Baker, Grace Bruton, Grace and Tom Greene, Kathryn Green, Mary Eaton, Mary Ann Watson, Mary Allred, Mr. T. D. Maness, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Barnhardt, Mrs. Lillie McCommons, Mrs. Tommy Irvin.

Undoubtedly you will remember others who were influential in your life and the life of our church.

EXCERPTS FROM SELECTED MINUTES
OF CHURCH IN CONFERENCE

October, 1930, "Homecoming held. G. T. Barnhardt paid \$4.28 for stamps in connection with this. "

December, 1930, "A motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to investigate the cost of a pipe organ - both new and second hand. "

November, 1930, "H. T. Helms, Clerk, G. T. Barnhardt, Moderator. A motion was made and carried to adopt the Unified Budget System, including only Sunday School and to give the other organizations the privilege of coming on application or request. " (W.M.U. "Request" to unify came on December 10, 1930.) Motion was made and carried that the term of office for the officers who shall be elected for the coming year shall expire August 31, 1931 so as to run with the Associational year instead of the calendar year.

January 27, 1931, "Resolved: That the First Baptist Church of Concord hereby put herself on record as being opposed to all money-raising schemes, such as Bazaars, Festivals, Socials, Sales, Dinners, Suppers or any form of Shows or Entertainments, in or out of the Church or by any organization fostered by the Church, for the purpose of raising money in the name of the Church for any purpose. " -- Put forth by G. Fred Agee.

February 17, 1931, "The Resolution made by G. Fred Agee in regard to raising money and tabled by the Conference of January 27 was not untabled. "

November, 1931, "12 tons of coal purchased at a total of \$84.00. Fellowship fund of \$7.50 per month adopted October 16, 1931 to take care of sick or needy persons, to run December 31 through April, 1932. H. T. Helms, Mrs. J. A. Walker to 'Look after such cases'. "

January, 1932, "Motion was made and carried to buy 4 new plates and one extra tray and 5 dozen individual glasses to be used in partaking of the Lord's Supper, and to give the ladies the privilege of buying same, but in case the ladies do not buy them the church shall buy them. Moderated by G. T. Barnhardt"

July, 1932, Dr. Summers, his father and his brother--all three--led in revival services in order that "All 3 of the Summers preachers" may be in action. During the revival meeting, E. S. Summers led the song services; his father, C. W. Summers, preached at the 8:00 a. m. morning services; and his brother, H. S. Summers preached at the evening services.

November 15, 1933, "Austin Organ was serviced by P. S. Fonjoy of Greensboro, holding a year's contract for \$40.00, to be paid \$10.00 cash for each visit. "

January 17, 1934, Mr. A. Viola (father of Mrs. Foy Fisher) paid \$3.00 for tuning piano.

February 25, 1934, Financial year voted to run with Associational year instead of November to November as heretofore.

July 25, 1934, The First Baptist Church was called into conference for the purpose of making some plans to entertain the Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association which is to meet with this church in its Annual Meeting in September. Committee appointed of: G. Fred Agee, H. L. Irvin, Mrs. G. R. Wall, Mrs. L. R. Crooks.

January 16, 1935, Motion made and approved to withdraw from Mecklenburg-Cabarrus Association and organize Cabarrus Association.

May 15, 1935, "Dollar Day" to be held for purpose of painting of parsonage, etc. Rev. George V. Tilley paid \$15.00 for Sunday a. m. services in absence of minister. Offerings at close of service in p. m. taken and all loose offering to go to visiting minister Y. H. Shaboz or Shaboy. (Unclear)

June 3, 1937, 45 members were baptized into membership of church. Three additional ones on June 10, 1937.

April 29, 1953, Church voted to employ Marvin W. Helms, Architect, to draw up plans for new educational building.

July 5, 1953, Plans adopted.

August 30, 1953, Willodene Langston extended call to come as Educational Director.

September 16, 1953, Church granted License to preach to Joe Allen.

November 8, 1953, Church in called conference granted contract for construction of Education Building to J. H. Kezziah Construction Company of Hickory.

December 16, 1953, Church voted all men who had served church as deacons would automatically become lifetime deacons at age 70.

February, 1954, Church voted to send Pastor Stone to the Golden Jubilee Baptist World Congress.

May 12, 1954, Church voted to install Unified Budget completely.

June, 1955, J. C. Mainer called as Minister of Music.

August 17, 1955, Church granted Charles Price License to preach. (Author's note: Ann, his wife was in Nursing School. So eager was this couple to go as a missionary couple that they put their several children in an orphanage until Ann could finish her training.)

January 29, 1961, Church in Conference extended call to the Rev. Mr. Howard Dawkins to come as minister.

February 15, 1961, Church in conference voted to purchase lot on Claymont Street to be used for new parsonage.

April 12, 1961, Church in conference voted to purchase Goodman property for \$16,000.00.

May 17, 1961, Church extended call to Ralph Yoars to come as Minister of Music.

July 12, 1961, Church voted Bob Williams License to preach.

THE BELL OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The First Baptist Church has a bell. It is temporarily silent. Information obtained by Ray and Harry Kluttz who climbed into the bell tower to examine the bell and the structural framework in which it hangs revealed that the bell was manufactured by G. S. Bell Company of Hillsboro, Ohio. Further investigation revealed that this company was established by G. S. Bell in Hillsboro, Ohio, in 1858. Thereafter, ownership of the company transferred from the founding father to his sons and grandsons and was later relocated in Tiffin, Ohio, and the name changed to Charles S. Bell Company. There is no date on the bell and efforts to determine when and how it was acquired by the church have been unsuccessful. Legend on the cradle of the housing reads, "Cast Steel-Alloy, 36" Church Bell." The bell is 36" high and measures 42" across the open end. The clapper is about 4" in diameter.

The last known date upon which the bell in the First Baptist Church tower was rung was on New Year's Eve, 1961, during Mr. Dawkins' tenure as pastor, when it was rung at midnight during a New Year's watch season. The structural framework in which the bell hangs has deteriorated to such an extent that it is considered unsafe to ring a bell of this size and weight. In years gone by it has been a part of the life of both the church and community. It has tolled for the dead and pealed for the newlywed. It was rung as a solemn memorial for a President of the United States - Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he died in 1945; it celebrated the end of World War II. Beyond these dates is conjecture as to when it rang. Extensive research and interviews with numerous people of both church and city reveal no positive knowledge.

Where and how the church acquired the bell is a mystery. Some think the bell was bought and placed in the present bell tower at the time of construction in 1924. Others, and they are more numerous, by far, think the bell hung in the old frame church and was simply moved into the new structure. The size of the tower, as shown in pictures of the old structure, causes one to wonder whether it could have supported the weight of a bell this size.

Interviews with community citizens, some of whom have lived in the vicinity of First Baptist Church since the turn of the century elicit no sure knowledge. The most often answer to query about the bell is, "I didn't know you had one, now." Since it is never heard now and people's memories are whimsical things, this is understandable.

Some interesting theories have been forthcoming, things that some think they remember - but they cannot be sure. One is that the bell once hung in a courthouse in a northern state and was transported by covered wagon to Concord. This would support the argument for its being in the old church. Another story, half-remembered, is that it was in another church before becoming the bell of First Baptist. Since we have been unable to locate any complete evidence, the original location and date of manufacture remain an unsolved mystery.

In the varied opinions and memories offered about the bell, any of the foregoing might be considered valid, or might as well be since they have been plausibly suggested and cannot be proven false!

But nevertheless, the First Baptist Church definitely has a bell. This can be stated unequivocally, and it hangs 36" deep in the square bell tower on the north side of the church edifice.

It has not always hung mute.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TODAY 1976

First Baptist Church, a Missionary Baptist people, aligned with the North Carolina State Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, continues a program of education, inspiration and edification. Worship services are worship experiences. Regular use is made of printed worship aids. Dr. Bailey's sermons are printed for use and/or distribution. His sermons are taped each Sunday. Members unable to be in worship service have the message taken to them. Outdoor fellowship is enjoyed frequently; ice cream and cake times, watermelon slicing times, and times of celebration. Evening worship "Singspirations" have become a time of participation for all church members. Many new hymns in the New Baptist Hymnal published in 1975 have been learned during the "Singspiration" hours. The new hymnals were given as a memorial to the late Maury Sapp.

The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church, under the direction of Gladys (Mrs. James) Hinson since November, 1967, is well organized. With personal dedication, ability and enthusiasm Mrs. Hinson serves as both Minister of Music and church organist. There is a choir for any age member who wishes to participate, from the very young child through youth and adult years. The Chancel Choir under Mrs. Hinson's direction averages an attendance of 25 to 35 members. This choir has several members who hold a degree in church music and many others have professional training. Outstanding solo work is backed by superior voices. Special music is a weekly worship feature. Larger efforts are performed frequently. Programs prepared for Easter and the Christmas season are well attended by both church and community. Mrs. Hinson is assisted by volunteers who work with the younger choirs. One of the larger of these is "The Sounds of Seraphim," youth choir, directed by Bill Cone. This singing group joins with associational efforts at times. Carol (Mrs. Bill) Cone directs the Chapel Choir for grades 4-6. Mrs. Hinson has Frankie (Mrs. William) Wall as her co-director for the Cherub Choir, ages 3-5, and co-director, Mrs. Emma Cresdy of the Carol Choir, grades 1-3. Robes are provided all the choirs.

First Baptist Church has five Handbell Choirs. These handbells were given to the church in memory of Dr. E. S. Summers. They are used by both youth and adult choirs in worship services. Mrs. Saidee Jackson works with these choirs, along with Mrs. Hinson. Mrs. Jackson's is a dedicated service requiring her to be at church almost every day of the week.

Dr. Kelly Howell came to First Baptist Church in July of 1973. As Minister of Education, Dr. Howell brings to First Baptist Church both ability and commitment in the planning and the implementing of a comprehensive educational program. His leadership is felt throughout the church as he works with the elected leaders of each department in every age group.

The Sunday School, the outreach arm of First Baptist Church with an enrollment of 632, provides an opportunity for in-depth Bible study for all ages. In addition to both traditional and coed classes, there is a special Homebound department which visits those unable to come to church. Bible study is conducted each Sunday at Ritchie's Nursing Home and Serenity House, and Vacation Bible School is offered each summer for preschoolers, children and youth. Sunday School Directors are:

1975/76

1976/77

DIRECTOR	Ken Huffman	Ken Huffman
Preschool Division	Mrs. William Wall	Mrs. L. E. Boger
Extended Session	Mrs. Ernest Morgan	Mrs. L. E. Boger
Cradle Roll	Mrs. Emmett Robertson, Jr.	Mrs. Howard Kluttz
Preschool 1A	Mrs. Lloyd Sells	Mrs. Lloyd Sells
Preschool 1B	Mrs. Nathan Baucom	Mrs. Joe Allred
Preschool II	Mrs. L. E. Boger	Mrs. Harry Kluttz, Jr.
Preschool III	Mrs. Tom Kirby	Mrs. Tom Kirby
Preschool IV	Mrs. Frank Hayworth	Mrs. Frank Hayworth
	Mrs. Bill Watts	Mrs. Bill Watts
Preschool V	Mrs. Jimmy Hamilton	Mrs. Jimmy Hamilton
Children's Division	Miss Kathy Hoffman	Miss Kathy Hoffman
First Grade	Mrs. L. M. Brown	Mrs. Charles Yelton
Second Grade	Mrs. Harold Dillard	Mrs. Harold Dillard
Third Grade	Mrs. Emma Cresdy	Mrs. Emma Cresdy
Fourth Grade	Al Stuckey	Al Stuckey
Fifth-Sixth Grade	Mrs. Raiford Miller	Mrs. Raiford Miller
Youth I (gr. 7-8)	Emmett Robertson, Jr.	Emmett Robertson, Jr.
Youth II (gr. 9-12)	Bill Cone	Bill Cone
College & Career	Howard Seaford	Dr. and Mrs. John Nordan
Coed (18-29)	Mrs. Robert Bailey	Mrs. Robert Bailey
	Dr. Robert Hammonds	Dr. Robert Hammonds
Adult I	Ernest Morgan	John James
Adult II	Jack Cooper	John Jenkins
Adult III	Mrs. Saidee Jackson	Mrs. Saidee Jackson
Adult IV	Fred Eaves	Fred Eaves
Homebound	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snipes	Mr. and Mrs. Carl Snipes
Nursing Home Leader	Lewis Whitley	Lewis Whitley
Serenity House Ldr.	Ken Huffman	Ken Huffman
Vacation Bible School Director:	Mrs. David Snyder	

Church Training provides an excellent opportunity for Christian growth. Classes for new members and leadership training are offered on a frequent basis. Regular member training provides opportunities for study in a variety of areas including death and dying, family stress, marriage enrichment, drama and puppetry for youth, and an annual Family Life Conference which ministers to the whole family. Church Training Leaders are:

1975/76

1976/77

Director	Carl Comer	Gerald Cook
Nursery Coordinator	Mrs. Carl Comer	Mrs. Gerald Cook
Ext. Session Coord.	Mrs. Carl Comer	Mrs. Gerald Cook
Preschool 4-5, Leader	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Barger	Mrs. Lorena McConnell
Children gr. 1-3, Ldr.	Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cook	Mrs. Bessie Garmon
Children gr. 4-6, Ldr.	Mrs. Bessie Garmon	Mrs. Carl Comer
Youth Leader	Sonny Pruette	Mrs. Henry Eller
	Mrs. R. G. Swaringen	Steve Houghton
Adult Leader	---	Carl Comer

The Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union provide opportunities for boys and girls, men and women to learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions and engage in local missions. Leaders of Brotherhood and WMU are:

BROTHERHOOD

	<u>1975/76</u>	<u>1976/77</u>
DIRECTOR	Dr. J. P. Reece	Dr. J. P. Reece
Baptist Men President	Dr. J. P. Reece	Dr. J. P. Reece
Royal Ambassador Leader	R. Mark Smith	Carl Comer
Younger Crusader Counselor	David Furr	Trent Wilson
Older Crusader Counselor	Buddy Weaver	Buddy Weaver
Pioneer Counselor	John Eury	John Eury

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

	<u>1975/76</u>	<u>1976/77</u>
DIRECTOR	Mrs. L. M. Brown	Mrs. L. M. Brown
Baptist Women President	Mrs. Richard Thomason	Mrs. Richard Thomason
Baptist Young Women Dir.	Mrs. David Furr	Mrs. Gerald Cook
Acteens Director	Mrs. Mel Howell	Mrs. Mel Howell
Girls-In-Action Director	Mrs. David Snyder	Mrs. David Snyder
Mission Friends Director	Mrs. Buddy Weaver	Mrs. Buddy Weaver

The missionary programs for all ages represented in these groups and organizations present opportunities for mission study and activities under excellent leadership. Community, State and World are stressed in the study materials. The adult men and women are committed to joint efforts with the Cabarrus County Social Services Department in the MEALS ON WHEELS effort. This is an attempt to see that the elderly, ill or indigent who cannot, for whatever reason, manage to have a hot meal each day, have one delivered to them by volunteer workers. Other ministries include Tape Ministry to the Homebound, Home Life distribution in public gathering places, and serving meals to bereaved families. Other programs on a community level are participated in on a regular or as-needed basis.

Both Girls Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors are strongly supported and led by trained and willing leaders. Camp Mundo Vista and Caswell have good attendance from First Baptist Church. Many of the boys attend Camp Caraway. Both youth and adult men and women look forward to weeks of training and vacation at Ridgecrest.

The Deacons of First Baptist Church this year adopted the Deacon Family Life Ministry Plan. A number of inactive deacons work with the active board. Each church family is ministered to by a deacon who serves as a liaison between member and pastor. Deacon Retreats amplify the spiritual aspect of their service. Raiford Miller is the new deacon chairman. He succeeds Lloyd Sells.

First Baptist Herald is a publication received weekly by the membership of the church. Dr. Kelly Howell edits this publication.

Counseling with soon-to-be-marrieds has been inaugurated.

The church maintains an up-to-date library. Mrs. Raiford Miller is Director of Library Services.

A pictorial directory of First Baptist membership includes all members of the family of each with pertinent information about each; the birthdays; the address. This directory is kept current with add-on pages of new members, changed addresses, deceased members and members moving away. The directory has made possible a closer relationship for the resident membership which now totals 752. The non-resident membership is listed at 201.

The church staff consists of:

Dr. Robert W. Bailey	Minister
Dr. Kelly Howell	Minister of Education
Mrs. James F. Hinson	Minister of Music
Mrs. Ralph T. Kilby	Secretary
Miss Brenda K. Ramsey	Secretary
Mr. Robert L. Witherspoon	Sexton
Mr. Michael J. Ledbetter	Foreign Missionary serving in Mexico

Serving the social fellowship needs of the men and women who have reached the age of sixty is the Young Hearts Organization. Carl Howell serves as President of this group. Members of other denominations as well as other Baptist churches are welcomed into this group and monthly meetings are held by the approximately fifty members. The emphasis is on fun and social activities.

This is a great people doing a great work in a great way. From this church Tom Huneycutt, son of T. C. and Evelyn Huneycutt, has gone into the ordained ministry. Chip Carter, son-in-law of Janie (Mrs. Glenn) Roseman, is studying at Southwestern Seminary in Texas. George Spencer, son of M. F. and Kathryn Spencer, is at Southeastern Seminary. Mr. Willie L. Hollar was ordained and is now minister of Brookdale Baptist Church.

Generous financial support continues, as always, to be supportive of the total church program. The people of First Baptist Church are a giving people and a prayer-oriented people. They are compassionate people. Above all, they are a loving people; loving their families, loving their friends and the fellowship and loving beyond their acquaintance to the neighbors whom they may never see but whose need is known.

Elected General Church Officers are:

	<u>1975/76</u>	<u>1976/77</u>
Church Clerk	Mrs. Joe Andrews	Mrs. W. H. Freeman
Treasurer	J. Wesley Walker	J. Wesley Walker
Kitchen Coordinator	Mrs. Ray Kluttz	Mrs. Ray Kluttz
Hospitality and Usher	Fred Eaves,	Fred Eaves,
Coordinator	Claude Gibson	Claude Gibson
Wednesday Preschool Coord.	Mrs. John James	Mrs. John James
General Trustee Chairman	Raiford Miller	Raiford Miller
Long Range Building Chairman	W. L. Mills, Jrs	W. L. Mills, Jr.

First Baptist Church has a number of Committees elected to lead the congregation in meeting the needs of the church and the community at large. These needs range from helping needy members and transients to hospital visitation and preparation of a Chrismon tree. Church Committees and chairmen are:

Baptism	Mrs. Fred Eaves	W. H. Freeman
Benevolence	Todd Williams	Todd Williams
Finance	R. Mark Smith	R. Mark Smith
Hospital	Mrs. M. V. Sapp	Mrs. Fred Eaves
Love Fund	Fred Eaves	Fred Eaves
Nominating	Jim Davis	Jack Sparks
Personnel	Max Harris	Dr. Broadus Jones
Preschool	Mrs. Gerald Cook	Mrs. Gerald Cook
Property and Space	Jack Sparks	Jack Sparks
Worship Aids	Mrs. Henry Eller	Mrs. Henry Eller

The Creative Arts Festival/Homecoming Committee, the last Committee to be noted, has been a crucial one in the planning and implementing of our month-long emphasis on our divine creativity and the celebration of our 90th Anniversary. The Committee members and their responsibilities are: Mrs. Robert Wall, Chairperson; Mrs. Paul Haigh and Mrs. John Crook, Enlistment; Mrs. Smoot Lyles and Mrs. M. V. Sapp, Invitations; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Arrowood, Publicity; Mr. James Hamilton and Mrs. Ernest Burleson, Creative Arts Festival Program; Mr. Elbert Bishop and Mrs. John Puckett, Creative Arts Festival Displays; Mrs. Ray Kluttz, Refreshments and Homecoming Dinner; Mrs. George Clary, Church History; Miss Letha Snyder, Miss Lela Bruton, and Mrs. Thomas Wall, Picture Collection; Mrs. George Engstrom, Historical Collage; Mrs. Roe Brown and Mrs. Fred Morris, Homecoming Welcome. Literally dozens of other persons worked willingly and faithfully to make this month possible. Special recognition is given to two of our artists, Dr. George Engstrom for his sketch of the original church and Mr. Mel Kester for his drawing of our present church. Both of these drawings appear on the cover. Mr. Kester and Mrs. Engstrom contributed art work for other material used during the Creative Arts Festival.

The Creative Arts Festival/Homecoming Committee planned and directed the month-long Creative Arts Festival, culminating with our 90th Anniversary/Homecoming, of which this history is one part. This committee's work is symbolic of the fresh, creative activity that is permeating the life of our church. This has truly been a month of revival and renewal, an experience that will help equip us for future tasks Christ has for First Baptist Church.

NOTE:

Following in the Appendix are copies of the historical tables and other items of information located in the research of this history. It will be noted that not all years were available.

FINANCIAL TABLE

Churches.	Home Mis.	State Mis.	For. Min.	Orphan age.	Educa- tion.	Min- utes.	Church Exp's.	Sun. School.	Pas. Salary.	Total.
Arlington.....	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 2.50			\$ 2.00				\$ 15.50
Clear Creek.....	5.81	5.00	2.00			1.75			100.00	114.56
Cherry's Hill.....	2.50		2.50			1.00				6.00
Cold Water.....	6.00	11.00	6.00	.72		1.25	5.00	11.00	85.00	115.97
Concord.....	1.43	5.28	5.32	1.16	1.25	1.25	22.00	12.50	100.00	137.67
Charlotte.....	63.50	100.00	63.50	25.00	20.00	3.00	525.00	150.00	1500.	2300.00
Howell's.....		5.00	3.00			1.10				9.10
Ind. Hill.....	5.00	5.00	2.50			1.00			80.00	94.50
Hopewell.....		2.50	2.50			1.50	88.32	10.80	100.00	205.62
Matthews.....	5.00	10.00	5.00	9.13		2.00		26.34	260.00	317.47
Wilson's Grove.....	3.00	10.00	3.00			.50				16.50
Prospect.....	5.00	10.00	5.00			1.50	6.35	3.00	25.00	55.85
Oak Grove.....										

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From Minutes of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, October 17-19, 1888.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT---TAKEN FROM LETTERS

Churches.	Pastor's Salary	Incidentals	Building and Repairing.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Sunday School	Poor Fund	Old Ministers Relief.	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Colportage	Grand Total
Arlington.....	\$ 114.00	\$ 96.71	\$ 1.50			\$ 5.00	\$ 7.50		\$ 20.72	\$ 6.10					\$ 251.55
Clear Creek.....	75.00			15.00	4.00	3.00	6.82		5.00		1.00		2.00		111.82
Cold Water.....				6.00	5.00	3.00	5.00	1.00			1.00				21.00
Cornelius.....	275.00	34.60	305.00	25.00	7.50	5.00	17.00	1.00	20.00		2.00		17.00	4.00	711.16
Chadwick.....	400.00	10.00	425	10.00	6.30	10.00	10.00		30.00	6.60					917.30
First Church, Charlotte.....	3,833.34	2,741.31	26,547.37	647.75	530.24	2,326.26	64.54	200.00	1,000.00	160.00		500.00			38,550.81
First Church, Concord.....	900.00	270.80	8.50	62.00	25.00	25.00	81.11		251.76	18.00	5.00		19.00		1,670.17
Second Church, Concord.....	650.00	55.23	1,107.01	25.00	10.00	22.67	15.00	4.25	132.61		2.50		55.80		2,080.69
West Concord.....	120.67	91.79	352.44	18.25	7.00	6.00	6.50		48.32	10.00	4.00				661.97
Friendship.....	75.00		22.50	23.00	10.55	14.75	12.50	3.50	11.55		1.00		.75		175.10
Huntersville.....	30.00	2.00		6.00	1.80		2.00						5.00		46.80
Independence Hill.....	135.00	4.00		15.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	1.00	4.00		1.00		10.00		190.00
Kannapolis.....	150.00	19.22		4.90	1.70	1.75	6.62		15.00				69.32		267.51
Louise.....	700.00	221.50	332.16	41.38	9.00	37.05	46.30	5.00	96.11	28.61	5.91		5.30		1,528.32
Long Creek.....	100.00	84.33	46.00	1.00	2.00		1.00		8.30						242.63
Matthews.....	400.00	83.00	200.00	26.00	7.00	10.00	15.00		55.00	5.00	7.00				818.00
Newell.....	50.00	1.50		6.50	3.00	4.00	2.50			1.95			8.00		77.45
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte.....	1,102.04	664.40	511.00	54.30	40.00	40.00	92.55	5.00	141.46		6.00	10.00	35.70		2,736.42
*Oak Grove.....	156.10	36.57	2,411.52	21.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	56.94		1.00				2,701.44
Pineville.....	187.77	58.92	59.30	11.00	8.50	9.75	23.34	1.00	56.37		5.00		2.00		422.95
Pleasant Plain.....	200.00	70.60		17.00	6.00	5.00	11.00	1.00	27.20		3.00				341.60
Pritchard Memorial.....	1,650.00	485.70	53.85	163.98	119.91	256.59	40.81	6.55	178.50	35.00			56.50		3,047.39
Rock Hill.....	60.00			6.00	2.00		3.00	1.00			.82				71.82
Union Grove.....	80.00		700.00	10.00					3.00				1.00		791.00
Wilson's Grove.....															
Totals.....	\$ 11,443.92	\$ 5,032.26	\$ 32,692.40	\$ 1,219.12	\$ 616.50	\$ 2,797.82	\$ 483.06	\$ 236.30	\$ 2,161.86	\$ 270.60	\$ 46.23	\$ 510.75	\$ 296.62	\$ 41.00	\$ 58,859.50

*Admitted to Association September 1, 1909.

From Minutes of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Association, September 14-15, 1909

STATISTICAL TABLE---REPORTED IN LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Total.	Discontinued by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Gained.	Lost.	Made Members.	Female Membership.	Total Membership.
Arlington.....	C. H. Martin, Polkton.....	A. A. Connell, R. F. D. 11, Charlotte	27	4	31	6	7		13	18			137	147	284
Clear Creek.....	C. H. Martin, Polkton.....	L. S. Piggs, R. F. D., Unionville	3	2	1	3	6	1	7				145	66	211
Cold Water.....	S. N. Watson, Concord.....	J. W. Connell, Concord.....	2	1	3	3	4		6				125	24	149
Cornelius.....	W. A. Hough, Cornelius.....	R. D. Mooney, Davidson.....	16	20	36	23	3		6				45	57	102
Chadwick.....	W. L. Barrs, Charlotte.....	C. C. Ingle, Charlotte.....	10	84	111	33	4		6				27	65	92
First Church, Charlotte.....	H. H. Hulten, Charlotte.....	J. A. Durham, Charlotte.....	16	14	30	20	4		26				69	152	221
First Church, Concord.....	S. N. Watson, Concord.....	H. C. Herning, Concord.....	10	14	26	20	4		26				11	123	134
Second Church, Concord.....	D. F. Helms, Concord.....	S. B. Hagler, Concord.....	26	43	69	14	1		20				51	71	122
West Concord.....	J. W. Snyder, Concord.....	W. F. Stegall, Concord.....	31	34	65	13			13				13	27	40
Friendship.....	K. W. Hogan, Pineville.....	C. Garrison, R. F. D. 12, Charlotte	1	2	3	2	4		6				19	22	41
Huntersville.....	W. A. Hough, Cornelius.....	S. L. Mullen, Huntersville.....	6	6	12								12	14	26
Independence Hill.....	J. L. Kirk, Kannapolis.....	C. S. Davis, R. F. D. 7, Charlotte	17	35	52								23	34	57
Kannapolis.....	W. P. Campbell, Charlotte.....	Josiah Allen, Charlotte.....	39	34	74	35	5		42				94	142	236
Long Creek.....	W. L. Barrs, Charlotte.....	J. S. Underwood, Paw Creek.....	17	3	20	11			12				21	26	47
Matthews.....	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews.....	W. L. Hatfield, Matthews.....	16	6	22	11			12				11	15	26
Newell.....	J. L. Kirk, Kannapolis.....	J. E. Bro. M. Matthews.....	42	45	87	30	12		33				155	279	434
Ninth Avenue, Charlotte.....	L. V. Pruett, Charlotte.....	W. H. Fiddler, Charlotte.....	2	31	5	16	1		19				42	90	132
*Oak Grove.....	S. F. Conrad, Charlotte.....	J. D. Turner, North Charlotte.....													
Pineville.....	K. W. Hogan, Pineville.....	C. J. Price, Matthews.....	15	15	30	25	5		30				35	65	100
Pleasant Plain.....	J. E. M. Davenport, Matthews.....	J. E. Bro. M. Matthews.....	16	29	45	10			26				46	74	120
Pritchard Memorial.....	E. E. Bomar, Charlotte.....	J. J. Ezell, Charlotte.....	16	29	45	10			26				80	153	233
Rock Hill.....			1	1	2				2				15	21	36
Union Grove.....	W. A. Hough, Cornelius.....	H. Hastings, Huntersville.....	1	1	2				2				13	17	30
Wilson's Grove.....	C. H. Martin, Polkton.....	W. G. Stegall, R. F. D. 9, Charlotte.....	1	1	2				2				28	55	83
Totals.....			361	414	775	244	42	29	315	449	10	183	1,629	3,331	4,960

*Admitted to Association September 1, 1909.

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Concord, N. C., 1918

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Vice-President - Miss Maggie Mills
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Leaders - Lucy Belle Litaker and Annie Snider

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Voted in Conference August 16, 1933

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Assn't Sunday School Supt. - G. Fred Agee
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General BYPU Director - Neva McCoy
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George R. Wall, L. Foy Fisher, M. S. Lyles.
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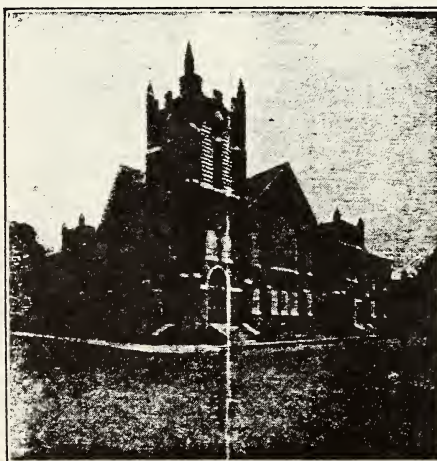
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Concord, North Carolina

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"The Church With a Welcome"

E. S. SUMMERS, MINISTER

OFFICE HOURS — 10:30 - 12:30 DAILY IN CHURCH STUDY — DIAL 9732

"God make the door of this house we have raised to
Thee wide enough to receive all who need human love,
fellowship, and the Father's care, and narrow enough to
shut out envy, pride, and hate. Make its threshold smooth
that it may be no stumbling block to childhood, weakness,
or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn
back the tempter's power. God make the door of this
house the gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom."

MOTTO: "My Lord and My God"

KEYNOTE: "The Lordship of Christ"



Dr. Robert W. Bailey
Minister

Dr. Kelly Howell
Minister of Education

Mrs. James F. Hinson
Minister of Music

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME each worshipper to our church and to all the privileges of God's house. If you are seeking Christ, it is our prayer that you might find him here. If you are discouraged, we pray that you might find hope and encouragement in our fellowship this day. If you are friendless, we sincerely hope that you might find companionship and Christian love. In order that we might know our visitors better, we ask that you fill out one of the visitor's cards and place it in the offering plates.